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Quincy Man Sentenced to 40 Months in Prison

Springfield, IL - Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced that John R. Brink, 54, of Quincy, Illinois, was sentenced today to serve 40 months in prison for interstate transportation of stolen property in July 2001. U.S. District Judge Jeanne E. Scott ordered Brink's federal sentence be served consecutively to a nine-year sentence that Brink is serving in Indiana after being convicted of burglary.

Brink pled guilty on September 14, 2005 to transporting stolen goods from Fort Wayne and Logansport, Indiana to Quincy, Illinois on July 7, 2001. The court determined that the goods, four hot tubs and five rolling mechanic tool chests filled with tools, were valued at \$168,000. Evidence was also presented at the sentencing hearing that Brink has at least 17 convictions for burglary and theft dating back to 1969.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Adams County Sheriff's Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory M. Gilmore.

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